

passed that copies of the entire proceedings may be given on application by the persons concerned, free of cost and without payment of stamps.

Reply of Government.—Copies of the entire proceedings cannot be given free of cost. There are orders on the subject which will enable the person affected to get all the information necessary for the appeal. And these standing orders are sufficient. If there has been any specific case, in which the grounds of the order were not sufficiently given, it may be brought to notice separately.

SUBJECT No. 92.

Claims of registered hakdars for shanbhogi and pateli offices.

Mr. B. Sitaramiah, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—When the shanbhogi and pateli offices fall vacant they are filled up by the nearest heirs of the last registered holders of such offices, entirely ignoring the claims of the registered hakdars. Pray that the latter may be given preference over the former when the said offices become vacant.

Reply of Government.—The rules of succession are regulated by law and each case must be determined on its own merits. No general order can be issued.

SUBJECT No. 93.

Rights of widows to hereditary offices.

Mr. B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The rights of widows to hereditary offices, which have been taken away recently by the Village Offices Regulation, may be recognized.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The law was passed after full publicity and discussion.

SUBJECT No. 94.

The remuneration of *totis* and *talaris*.

Employment of *kulwadis* in the malnad.

Appointments to *totis* and *talavars*.

(1) (a) Mr. Bhishto Virupaksha Nadigar, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) (a) The *totis* and *talaris* have to perform various kinds of duties. It is suggested that they may be remunerated in cash and their service inam lands fully assessed.

It is prayed that cash remuneration may be ordered to be granted to these village servants, as “Aya” is not regularly paid by the villagers at present and as in some villages these have been resigning their posts for want of means of livelihood.

(b) Messrs. Abidalli Sab, Koratagere sub-taluk; Adeppasetty, Surappa, Tumkur taluk; Agali Venkataramaiya, Sira taluk; Gundappa, Kunigal taluk; Huchvire Gowda, Gubbi taluk; Alampalli Adinarayana Chetty, Doddaballapur Municipality and Chennabasava Wadayar, Devanhalli taluk.

(b) The ryot has to pay six seers of grain per acre as remuneration to *totis* and *talavars* in villages which have these office-holders. This is a hardship which has often been brought to the notice of Government. The practice obtaining in the British Territory should be adopted here also.

Payment in kind as at present presses heavily, especially in bad seasons, as the quantity is fixed per acre and not according to the produce.

(c) Mr. Srinivasa Rao Kulakarni, Chitaldrug District Board.

(c) Cash remuneration in lieu of kind may be fixed for the services rendered by *totis* and *talaris* the charge being met from the levy of additional cess on this account.

(d) Mr. Surasastry, Chikballapur taluk.

(2) Messrs. B. Kesaviah and Sitaraniiah, Chikmagalur taluk, and Nanjundiah, North Mysore Native Planters' Association, Chikmagalur.

(3) Mr. Puttanna Gowda, Tirthahalli taluk.

(d) The introduction of the Nandidroog system has been a great hardship as the mamool rates were different.

(2) (a) Deputy Commissioners may be authorized to employ *Kulawadis* on a pay of not less than Rs. 3 per mensem in malnad villages wherever their services are absolutely found necessary. In the malnad their services are very necessary as there is great mortality among cattle and there is no one to remove the carcasses. The houses in the village are all scattered and separated by great distances and they are also getting depopulated.

(b) The *Kulavadi* inam lands allowed in some villages are yielding very little; and in some others, even such *Inamtis* are not allowed. Pray that a remuneration of at least Rs. 36 per annum be given to the *Kulwadis* in each village.

(3) As *totis* and *talavars* have not been appointed in several villages, much difficulty is experienced for the speedy execution of Government work. It is prayed that in villages where *totis* and *talavars* do not now exist their appointments may be ordered.

For facilitating Government work in villages it is prayed that *totis* and *talavars* may be appointed to work under patels in all villages.

Totis and *talavars* do not exist in villages which were originally *bechirakh* and are newly populated. As much inconvenience for carrying on Government work occurs without these village servants, it is prayed that *umbli* lands may be set apart for *totis* and *talavars* in such villages and that proper persons be appointed as *totis* and *talavars* and be given the *umbli* lands to make them settle in the village and discharge their duties properly.

Mr. A. Narasimha Iyengar.—It is unnecessary to appoint *Kulawadis* in the Sagar taluk as the kandayam is collected without difficulty.

Reply of Government.—The question is a big one and it is difficult to devise a general remedy. As a preliminary, the Superintendent of Surveys will be requested to carry out a *kulvadi* survey to ascertain in what places, these officials exist, what has become of the inam lands and how they are remunerated.

SUBJECT No. 95.

Increase of the budget allotment for productive irrigation works.

Messrs. A. Ramanna, Yedatore taluk, and Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Investment for bringing more lands under wet cultivation is an important measure to augment the revenue. The expenditure under the head Irrigation was at one time 13 lakhs and the same has now dwindled to one-half of it, while the Revenue of the State has doubled itself. Hence it is proposed that the expenditure on irrigation may be raised to not less than 15 lakhs and up to one third of the net income derived